

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 DAMASC 01498 161423Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NEAE-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00
DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 SSM-03
ACDA-12 HA-05 EUR-12 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03
PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 /093 W
-----007293 161429Z /46

Z 161414Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 7245
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM FLASH
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV FLASH
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIURT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE
USMISSION USUN IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T DAMASCUS 1498

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, IS, SY
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: AVOIDANCE OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI AIR ENCOUNTERS

REF: JERUSALEM 763

1. ALL EVIDENCE THUS FAR AVAILABLE TO THIS EMBASSY IS THAT SYRIAN AIR FORCES TODAY IS PATROLLING ONLY WITHIN SYRIAN AIR SPACE. PLEASE ASK MOD COORDINATES WHERE REPORTED NEAR INCIDENT BETWEEN IAF AND SYRIAN JET TOOK PLACE.

2. RECOMMEND WE DELAY RELAYING WEIZMAN MESSAGE TO SARG UNTIL ABOVE CLARIFICATION RECEIVED FOR FOLLOWING REASONS. FIRST RADIO HAS MADE IT EXPLICIT SINCE BEGINNING OF SOUTH LEBANON OPERATION THAT SYRIA WAS NOT REPEAT NOT A TARGET. SECOND, SYRIANS ARE WELL AWARE OF DANGERS OF AERIAL ENCOUNTERS. IF SYRIANS WERE WITHIN OWN AIRSPACE WHEN NEAR CLASH OCCURED, WEIZMAN'S MESSAGE WILL BE RECEIVED AS NOT ONLY GRATUITOUS BUT
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 DAMASC 01498 161423Z

INSULTING.

3. WE WILL WANT, I ASSUME IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, TO TALK TO SYRIANS ABOUT OUR THINKING ON SOUTH LEBANON. TO HAVE BEST HEARING FOR OUR PROPOSALS, IT DESIRABLE OUR DISCUSSION NOT REPEAT NOT BE CARRIED OUT IN WAKE OF HAVING DELIVERED MESSAGE WHICH, GIVEN SYRIAN PSYCHOLOGY, WILL BE HEARD AS

THREAT RATHER THAN REASSURANCE FROM WEIZMAN.

4. IF MOD, HOWEVER, CONFIRMS THAT NEAR ENCOUNTER WAS WITH
SYRIAN PLAN OVER LEBANON, I PROPOSE I CONTACT PRESIDENCY
TO PASS CONTENTS REFTEL PARA 1 ONLY.

MURPHY

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SURVEILLANCE, AIR COMBAT OPERATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978DAMASC01498
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780117-0523
Format: TEL
From: DAMASCUS
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780362/aaaabzxa.tel
Line Count: 68
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e4264bc6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Reference: 78 JERUSALEM 763
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3313541
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOUTH LEBANON: AVOIDANCE FO SYRIAN-ISRAELI AIR ENCOUNTERS
TAGS: MARR, MOPS, IS, SY
To: STATE JERUSALEM
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e4264bc6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014